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**Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast  
License Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168;**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206 (b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* meeting in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Thursday, March 24, 2005, representatives of the Public Interest, Public Airwaves (PIPA) Coalition met with Senior Legal Advisor Matthew Brill, of the Office of Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy. PIPA Coalition members in attendance were: Gloria Tristani, of the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc.; Meredith McGehee, of the Campaign Legal Center; James Benton, of Common Cause; and Karen Henein and Garson Fischer, of the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center.

The group discussed its proposed public interest television disclosure form previously filed in the above proceedings. A copy of this proposed form is attached to this *ex parte* notice. Members of PIPA Coalition noted that the current issues/programs lists do not provide an effective means for the public and the Commission to assess licensees' performance. Because the requirement of listing programs is so vague, these lists lack uniformity and consistency and make it difficult to discern the amount and type of public interest programming a broadcaster carries.

PIPA Coalition members also explained the importance of the FCC's adoption of a detailed disclosure form that asks for pertinent and specific information from broadcasters. This form is Constitutional because it merely requests information from broadcasters.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9545.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Karen Henein

Attachment